

FISCAL NOTE

HB 3027 - SB 2985

March 4, 2002

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases the maximum allowable monetary benefits for losses resulting from criminal acts under the Criminal Injury Compensation law from \$18,000 to \$25,000 and the supplemental award program maximum from \$12,000 to \$15,000. Increases the funeral and burial expense maximum from \$4,500 to \$7,000 and increases the crime scene cleanup maximum from \$1,500 to \$3,000. Expands the eligibility of crime scene cleanup to also include sexual assaults and aggravated assaults; increases reimbursement of moving to all eligible victims regardless of whether the crime occurs in the principal place of residence. Allows reimbursement for cleaning, repair and replacement of eyeglasses and hearing aids in certain circumstances. Provides separate statute of limitations provisions for claims filed for eligible travel expenses, storage fees and fees for transfer of utility service on past crimes and future crimes.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Exceeds \$1,000,000/Criminal Injury Compensation Fund

Estimate assumes an increase in benefit payouts from the Criminal Injury Compensation Fund. Using the number of claims paid that reached the maximum amount through FY 2000-01, it is estimated that over \$1,000,000 in additional benefits would be paid annually under the provisions of the bill.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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